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Sad ending at Cold Knap

LEFT:
This was the sad sight that greeted early morning walkers at Cold Knap, Barry on Tuesday morning – the sight of a 33 feet long minke whale stranded on the shoreline.

Experts believe it had died some days earlier. Marine biologist Ruth Searle, who saw the minke, said: "It was an adult male between eight and 10 tonnes in weight.

"It had probably been dead for a week. Its death could have been due to natural causes or being hit by a boat – it's difficult to know unless a post mortem is carried out. It looked pretty intact to me, so it's more likely it was natural causes."

The Vale Council removed the minke that evening.
PHOTOGRAPH by KEVEN GWILLIAM

WATERFRONT'S £250m FUTURE

by TIM CHAPMAN

OVER the next decade, the face of the town is likely to be transformed, if the regeneration plans of the Barry Waterfront Consortium go ahead.

The consortium, comprising some of Britain's best known housebuilders – Persimmon Homes, Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes – is behind a £250million regeneration package which has now been submitted to the Vale Council for an outline planning application.

The proposals include:

- A new link road to Barry Island.
- A waterfront café quarter.
- Waterside open space and park areas.
- Retail space.
- Around 2,000 new homes with both private and affordable housing.

Consortium spokesman Richard Keogh told The GEM: "This is a significant step forward that clearly demonstrates the consortium's commitment to this major regeneration scheme for Barry, despite the tough economic climate.

"We anticipate that the scheme will create around 2,000 jobs over the ten-year construction period as well, as approximately 500 jobs once completed.

"We are confident this significant investment in Barry will drive further investment in the local area, creating further job opportunities for local people."

Earlier this summer, the consortium undertook a two-day public consultation exercise, during which members of the public were invited to review the plans and offer their comments and ideas to the consortium.

More than 750 people attended the two-day public exhibition and shared their views with the consortium, with more people viewing the proposals and commenting on the website, *www.barrywaterfront.com.*

Mr Keogh added: "We received very positive feedback during the public exhibition, with the majority of people welcoming the regeneration of the site, particularly the new link road between Barry Island and the town, as well as the café quarter.

"In fact, more than 70 per cent of people agreed with the mix of facilities that we are proposing.

"We have acknowledged the comments made by members of the public during the public consultation and have made a range of amendments to the final proposals.

"These include the option to increase the size of the café quarter if demand exists.

"We have also committed to working in partnership with the council to deliver the link road as efficiently as possible, as well as including public art as part of the proposals to help to highlight the industrial history of the site."

Vale councillor for Castleland, Chris Elmore, said: "The continued development of the Waterfront is good news for Barry.

"I welcome the development of a new road over to the Island and the possibility of extending the cafe quarter. I hope this will include restaurants.

"The link road to the Island will mean easier access to the facilities that Barry Island has to offer.

"I hope that the developers will include as many leisure facilities as possible for residents to use and I hope in the future that a marina will be added to the development."

The consortium entered into an agreement in September 2007 with Associated British Ports and the Welsh Assembly Government to purchase most of the remaining areas around number one Dock at the Waterfront.

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PERFORMANCE UP 11 PER CENT!

The boys are back in town at Barry Comprehensive!

RIGHT: Star pupils James Cosgrove, Sam Bass, Tim Woodward and Joe Mees are looking forward to starting A-Level courses in September after achieving success in their GCSE examinations.

BARRY Comprehensive School has returned its best ever GCSE results – confounding the perceived trend that boys struggle against girls in academic achievement.

The vast majority of pupils arriving at the school to check on their exam results on Thursday, August 27 had exceeded their own expectations, and planned to stay on to take A-Levels.

The school's headmaster, Mr David Swallow, told The GEM: "The staff are thrilled with the results.

"This year, 79 per cent of pupils achieved five or more A* - C grade GCSE or equivalent qualifications, which is a massive 11 per cent improvement over last year.

"More than 40 per cent of pupils achieved ten or more A* - C grades."

Among the success stories were three 14-year-olds, Hayden Pullum, James Broughton and Daniel Saunders, who had passed a GCSE in 'expressive arts' two years early!

(For more news of the success of pupils in Barry and Penarth please turn to pages 4, 5 and 9).

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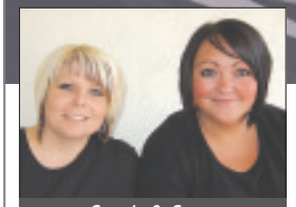
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THIS afternoon, I was walking in Cae Stumpie and was shocked to see a total stranger drop his fish and chip paper onto the pavement, right outside my house.

I ran after him and asked him: "Why are you dropping your litter on my front path?"

He replied: "Mind your own business", and threw the rest of his meal into my neighbour's garden.

Why isn't there a policeman around when you want one?

M Gold, Cowbridge

Thank you to the children's centre

WE write with an enormous 'thank you' to all of the staff at Gibbonsdown Children's Centre in Barry.

Our son recently enjoyed a very emotional last day in the nursery there – he had been at the nursery since he was 18 months old.

He's now four and a half and starting school. The nursery has been a huge part of his life, and the staff there had become part of the family. He, and we, are going to miss you all very much.

From mum and dad, we'd really like to thank everyone for their absolutely wonderful work, and for the continued work they will no doubt do for all the other children.

Of course, if we need the help of the play scheme during the school holidays, we'll make sure this is not the last you see of him!

To all at the centre, we thank you so very much for your unending dedication and devotion to making sure our children have the right start in life and the perfect preparation for school.

Charlie, Ellie, Odge and Jayne Wilding-West, Barry

Help The Heroes

May I bring to your readers' attention the charity Help for Heroes, and thank those Vale people who have already made a generous donation to this worthwhile cause.

Help for Heroes are strictly non political; they don't want to discuss the right and wrongs of a particular war, they simply want to help those wounded in them.

They need to raise money to help the wounded by giving them the very best; they do more, risk more, sacrifice more and we want to give them more.

They say that they are just ordinary blokes doing their jobs, we say they are Heroes and we want to help our Heroes.

Please convey this message – if you see a money tin in Llantwit Major petrol station, the Kings Head, The Tudor Tavern or Llantwit Major Rugby club, pop a donation in. No matter how little, your help will go a long way to help our heroes.

If you would like to make a contribution to Help for Heroes and have some fun at the same time, please come to the sponsors' day at Llantwit Major Rugby Club on Sunday, August 30, from 1pm.

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Frightening hazard for elderly on road

THROUGH The GEM, I am hoping that the First Minister and his departments will become aware of the frightening and dangerous experience being faced by the elderly with Zimmer frames and mobility scooters, not to mention families with prams, trying to get to the shops from the housing estates bordering Limes Road, Cowbridge.

This road has a bottleneck stretch, a blind bend, and is hilly.

It is only wide enough for one vehicle at a time, and some vehicles travel at breakneck speed with no refuge for pedestrians and no pavement.

Pedestrians are forced to squeeze against a wall, hoping not to be run down.

It is surely time that the adjacent dormant plot was acquired and the road widened with provision of a pavement?

It seems that this area is being treated as second class, with no serious consideration for the safety of its pedestrians.

Why on earth are the council allowing this very dangerous situation to continue year after year at the Limes Road?

Money cannot be the excuse, for, like out of a magic box, vast sums are being produced and granted for some outlandish scheme or other.

Can the Welsh Assembly Government, take control of this problem and get the unfair situation rectified?

A first step should be traffic calming measures.

Gordon Deaves, Cowbridge

14 full time jobs will be lost at fire station

HOW sad to see Cowbridge Fire Station slowly being manned by part-time firemen – and I hope that people training to become part-timers understand what they are doing.

You are slowly taking away 14 full-time firemen's jobs!

The Fire Service will tell you these men will be going to other stations in the brigade, but what they will not tell you is that when you become a part-time fireman in Cowbridge, you are taking away the positions of 14 full-time firemen from the station for good.

That's 14 fewer full time jobs in the town of Cowbridge.

The way that this can be stopped is if you do not become a part time fireman at Cowbridge – then we can keep our highly skilled and highly trained firemen and the 14 full time posts open for the future.

If the Fire Service would like to save money, I'm sure there are some highly-paid pen-pushing officers at Fire Service HQ whose jobs can be done by civilian staff for half the money that they get paid.

(Name and address supplied)

People of Llantwit did town proud

THANK you to all those from Llantwit Major and further afield who attended the Summer Sounds event in the Precinct on Sunday, August 16.

It was a family day with live music and entertainment, a fantastic fun atmosphere, where everyone was enjoying themselves and with no sign of the trouble so often associated with these types of outdoor events.

I have been involved with the Summer Sounds event for several years now, and this year's extravaganza topped the lot!

The event would not have been possible without the valued support and sponsorship of a number of organisations, businesses and individuals, including: the Vale Council, Llantwit Major Town Council, McLay Printers, NPower – Aberthaw Power Station, Rob Turner Electrical, John Wilmott (Sound), Filco Foods and The GEM, to name but a few.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention the support received from the local traders in the Precinct and surrounding areas. Thank you to all!

Phil Kirkham, Major Music

Are yellow boxes 'no parking zones' or not?

CAN a GEM reader kindly explain to me the purpose of the yellow boxed areas in the section reserved for disabled parking and recycling in the Cowbridge Town Hall car park?

I have always been under the impression (apparently wrongly) that yellow boxed areas were strictly 'no parking zones'.

However, insofar as Cowbridge is concerned, this is not the case. Cars are parked in these areas without censure 24 hours a day!

In fact, one white van is actually parked, on most days, in the yellow boxed entrance, thereby cutting the entrance width by 50 per cent and making it one-way only.

This parking does make it difficult to reach the recycling containers for which I can only guess the boxed areas were originally provided.

Mr FG Raiment, Cowbridge

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

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6 Sun	08.40	14.4	20.58	14.6
7 Mon	09.13	14.5	21.32	14.6
8 Tues	09.45	14.4	22.07	14.3
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First winner of High Street Traders' raffle

THE High Street Traders Association in Barry has revealed the first winner of its monthly prize draw.

Mrs Leona Sheppard, of Barry, won £100 worth of shopping vouchers that can be spent in any business in High Street, Broad Street, Island Road and Market Street.

The winning ticket was drawn live on air by DJ Gareth Sweeney at local radio station Bro Radio.

Mrs Sheppard, who bought her ticket at MJM Computers, said: "I enjoy shopping in High Street and more people should come here to shop. Why bother going to Cardiff when High Street has so much to offer?"

High Street Traders Association is holding a raffle every month to raise money for its Christmas event.

Look for a shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign.

The winning ticket will be drawn live on Bro Radio on the 12th of the month after the midday news on 98.1FM.

ABOVE: The live draw takes place for the prize vouchers. BELOW: Mrs Sheppard receives her prize from Tony Hopkins, chairman of High Street Traders Association, and Sharon George of MJM Computers.

Welsh language café re-opens

THIS Saturday, there is a host of events to entertain Welsh speakers and learners in the area.

'Y Festri', the Welsh language café run from Tabernacl chapel vestry in King's Square, Barry, re-opens from 9.30am-12.30pm every Saturday.

'Y Festri' is organised by Menter y Fro, the organisation established in the Vale of Glamorgan to promote the Welsh language.

After that, why not pay a visit to the Tall Ships Festival on Barry Waterfront where there will be a Welsh language stall promoting all things Welsh in the Vale.

Valeways walks

September 20, 2pm: Porthkerry Park Millennium Trail Circular, Porthkerry Country Park, Barry, main car park; **September 28**, 1.30pm: Birchgrove to Porthkerry, Knap Promenade car park, Barry; **September 29**, 1.30pm: Porthkerry Country Park, car park bottom of hill into park.

Mayor joins in as drama group lets hair down!

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Howard Hamilton, recently joined in the fun at a fancy dress party in New Jerusalem Church Community Hall, organised by a group that encourages people to get involved with drama-based activities, regardless of their background or level of ability.

A spokesman for the drama group based at the community hall said: "It is great to see hidden talent emerge after just a couple of weeks in our drama workshops".

The group is currently rehearsing a cabaret show which will be performed at residential homes for older people.

ABOVE: The well turned-out attendees at New Jerusalem Church Community Hall pose with the Mayor of Barry, Coun Howard Hamilton.

Ambulance chief and AM praise First Responders

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Gordon Roberts, Tony Rossetti and Bryan Foley.

THE work of local First Responders came in for warm praise at a meeting between acting South East Wales Ambulance Trust Director, Gordon Roberts, and Vale AM Jane Hutt.

The AM commented: "This was a positive and constructive meeting to clarify and confirm the important role and contribution of the First Responders in support of the Ambulance Service and the people they serve."

Ms Hutt is president of Barry First Responders and has been an active supporter of the group since it was established several years ago.

"During this time, the Barry First Responders have been among the most active groups in Wales – they were one of the first groups to respond to over 1,000 calls this year," she commented.

"They have now hugely increased this turnout."

Barry shoppers give Wings appeal a helping hand...

THE Royal Air Forces Association (Barry branch) has issued a thank you to the public for donations to the Wings appeal at Morrisons Superstore, Barry last week.

A spokesman said: "A special thank you to the management and staff of Morrisons Barry for allowing the branch to use the foyer at the store to collect for the appeal."

Local Air Cadets did an outstanding service for shoppers at Morrisons in bag packing. Cadets from 372 (Barry Squadron and 2300 (St Athan) Squadron were under the supervision of Corporal Mark Vivian, MoD St Athan.

The Barry branch RAFA meets every month in the 372 (Barry) Squadron Air Cadets' headquarters at the rear of Adams Funeral premises, Barry (by Memorial Hall).

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THE RECORD BREAKERS – BARRY PUPILS ARE A GRADE A SUCCESS

BARRY Comprehensive pupils were GCSE recordbreakers last week – their results were the best ever in the school's history.

For many youngsters it meant that their ambitions to take A-Levels and go to universities across the country – like the students a week earlier – were more than realistic.

Rhys Davies (16) opened his envelope to discover that he had got 13 A* - C grades, including three A* grades and three A grades.

He has represented Wales at Karate, so it is hardly surprising he was anxious to check on his PE result.

"I was very confident that I'd do well in PE, but relieved that I'd done enough in the other subjects.

"I am particularly interested in sport and that's where I see my future – in November, I'm going to the World Championships in Morocco.

"This September I'll be enrolling in a sports diploma course at St David's College in Roath. The diploma is the equivalent of three A-Levels.

"I've really enjoyed my time at Barry Comprehensive, and I think I have adapted well to challenges in the last two years.

"My aim is to possibly go into physiotherapy, so I will also be taking human biology at St David's."

James Cosgrove, aged 16, opened his envelope to find a string of A grades (three A* and eight A grades!).

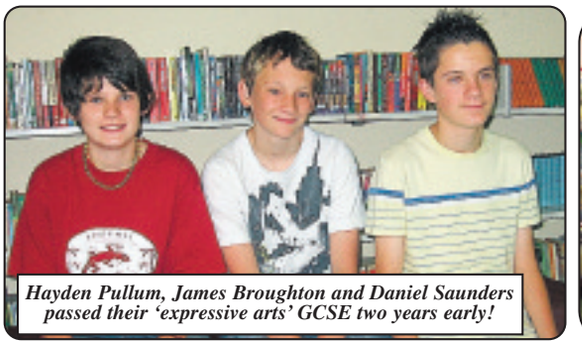
He said: "I'll carry onto the sixth form, but haven't decided what I'll do after that."

Curtis Fowler, 16, admitted : "I did much better than I thought I would. I'll be going on to take my A-Levels and decide then what I want to do in the future."

Curtis got 12 A* - C grades, including two A* grades and six A grades.

Sam Bass plans to take maths, English, biology and history at A-Level. "My eventual aim is to practice law in America, but after first taking a course at Cardiff University."

Tim Woodward – seven A* grades and four A grades – plans to go into medicine after his A-Levels and university. "I'm very happy I got the results I wanted, now I'm looking forward to A-Levels including biology, geology and maths."



Hayden Pullum, James Broughton and Daniel Saunders passed their 'expressive arts' GCSE two years early!

Phoning home the good news!

A modest Joe Mees said: "I did quite well – better than I thought I would." He is off to Coleg Glan Hafren in Cardiff and had 15 A* - C, including two A* and five A grades.

A big feature of the success of the pupils is the wide range of professions they want to join.

Lloyd James has done his hopes of becoming a graphic artist no harm – he got 13 A* - C grades including six A grades. "I'll be taking A-Levels in graphic design, ICT, English literature, art or German."

Ben Jones got a total of 11 A grades two at A* and looks forward to A-Levels and a career in science.

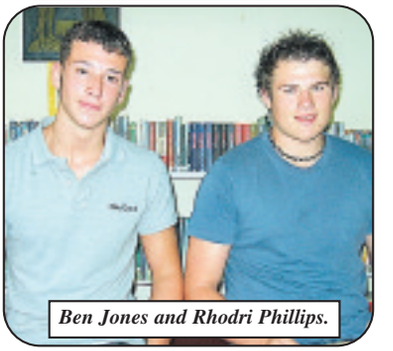
Mark Porter, aged 16, is on course to go to Cardiff University – A-Levels permitting. Mark wants a career in medicine and his six A* grades and three A grades should be a springboard to success.

Other academic stars were:

Rhys Johnston – 11 A* - C grades, including one A* and seven grade As; and Rhys Roberts – 11 A* - C grades, including seven A grades.

Of particular satisfaction for the teaching staff was that 13 year-9 youngsters achieved a grade C or above in GCSE 'expressive arts' – two years earlier than most candidates.

James Cosgrove and Curtis Fowler.



Ben Jones and Rhodri Phillips.

Mark Porter.

Rhys Davies is going to St David's College.

Do you live in the Gibbonsdown or Court areas of Barry?

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99 per cent pass rate shatters record at St Cyres Comprehensive

FOLLOWING last week's excellent A-Level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, GCSE students at St Cyres have broken school records and are celebrating the school's best-ever set of GCSE results.

With a pass rate of more than 99 per cent, career prospects for St Cyres students have never been so good!

There were many other outstanding achievements, but the following 47 students all achieved 5 or more A/A* grades. Mark Falconer and Hannah Palfrey achieved 12. Two students on this list are particularly noteworthy in that Pawel Polewski and Ivy Li arrived in this country with virtually no English two years ago. Their achievements are a tribute to the outstanding support they have from school staff.

Mark Falconer, Bethan Smith, Hannah Palfrey, Stephanie Britten, Catherine Samuel, Rebecca Whitehouse, Alice Davies, James Hodinott, Richard McClundy, Chelsea Redclift, Lisa Price, Krishna Patel, Pawel Polewski *No English two years ago, Jack Burgess, Nielson Beddoe, James Hume, Shannon White, Mark Palmer, Eleri Morgan, Terri Crooker, Elliott Thorne, Nia Morgan, Stephanie Windsor, Jason Leong, Ian Rohman, Hannah Allen, Luke Pemberton, Cerri-Anne Santos, Rebekkah Coombes, Sian Johnson, Stephen Whitely, Kelly Jervis, Redmond Todd Bennett, Rhys Evans, Neha Ladhani, Jessica Woodfield, Thomas Virgo, Charlotte Davies, James Wiltshire, Tracey Sun, Thomas Davies, Rebecca Hill, Sam Clements, Sophie Bracey, Rosie Brinkworth, Fatima Ibrahim, Phillip Cullen, Ivy Li (EAL)*.

Headteacher Brian Lightman commented: 'We are absolutely delighted with the performance of our year 11 students who have for the second year running achieved our best ever set of GCSE results. These are a testament to the hard work of the students themselves and our dedicated team of staff.

"I am also particularly proud of the fact that, for the second consecutive year every single pupil has gained an external qualification. As our mission statement says – Everyone can Succeed."

Last week, the school celebrated exceptional Welsh Baccalaureate results for the fifth year running; 100 St Cyres students gained an additional A over and above their other A-Level results, which put them at a fantastic advantage when applying for university.

For the second time this year, a pilot group of students in year-11 completed the Welsh Baccalaureate, in addition to their GCSEs. Results were excellent. This term we will be building on this success, rolling out the qualification to all key stage four students. A special conference will be held to launch this qualification on September 11.

A large number of students is planning to join the sixth form at Cyres to take advantage of the Welsh Baccalaureate, while studying a wide range of AS and A-Levels. Enrolment takes place on Friday 28th from 10am in the 6th Form Centre.

Students wishing to transfer to St Cyres from other schools should speak to the 6th Form office about entrance requirements, on 029 2071 3558.

Plans afoot for Waterfront

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

The council will now consider the proposals before deciding whether to grant planning permission to enable the consortium to push forward with the scheme and begin site preparation works next year.

If you have any queries or ideas you would like to put forward regarding the proposals, the consortium will be present at the Barry Waterfront Tall Ship Festival this coming weekend . For more information visit *www.barrywaterfront.com*

Playtime in the park...

VICTORIA PARK, Barry, was the sun-lit setting when 200 residents celebrated National Playday.

Organised by the Vale Council, also present was Jane Hutt AM, Minister for children, education, lifelong learning and skills, to join in the fun.

Members of the public were encouraged to bring along picnics and try out play and sports activities.

Joanne Jones, the play development officer for the Vale Council, said: "This year's campaign is calling for everyone to make time for play. We are encouraging everyone from parents, carers and teachers, to policy makers and planners to make time to support children's right to play."

COMMUNITY CONNECT ON THE AIRWAVES

From bottom left: Matthew Wilson, Sharon Topazio, Steve Powell and Michelle Sullivan.

GIBBONSDOWN & Court Communities First staff, Sharon Topazio and Michelle Sullivan, were invited to do a 'Community Connect' hour on the Vale's Bro Radio.

They discussed community projects they were working on, including the new Good Neighbour Scheme, Luncheon Club, Allotment Group, Rediscover Courses and Youth Forum.

The radio station's manager Steve Powell and resident DJ Matt Wilson encouraged them to promote Communities First.

Call the Communities First office on 01446 732406 for further information.

Councillors' surgery

Councillors' surgery

THE Vale and Town councillors for Castleland Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 5, from 10.30am-12pm in the Drop-In-Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

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GEM READERS COMMENT ON WOMEN-ONLY LABOUR LIST

'All-women list is patronising'

HAVING been a regular critic of Labour councillor Rob Curtis's often baffling analysis of local and national issues, I feel it is only fair I jump to his defence as he faces criticism from his own party regarding his recent letter criticising the announcement of an all-women Labour shortlist for the Vale seat at the forthcoming general election.

Following the surprising, unreserved support declared by the local Vale Labour party for our present MP John Smith, despite recent revelations, it is refreshing to see at least one local Labour politician, with a sense of decency, recognising true values and the realisation that discrimination cannot be the way forward when selecting candidates who may end up representing us in parliament or elsewhere.

Rob Curtis has rightly offered the view, I'm sure shared by many of us, that the imposition of an all women shortlist is not only arrogantly patronising towards his party's eventual successful candidate, but to the Vale of Glamorgan voting public as well.

He appears to recognise that the removal of all discrimination and increased efforts to facilitate the participation of 'ALL' who may be interested in representing us, has to be the cornerstone of any future, fair and democratic candidate selection process among credible political parties.

Kevin Mahoney, Barry (UKIP Vale of Glam)

Not for the first time...

I HAVE a lot of respect for Rob Curtis but I have to take issue with his letter (The GEM, August 27) that the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party has never needed a women-only shortlist.

When candidates were selected for the first Welsh Assembly election, the Labour Party decreed that all constituencies in Wales had to be twinned; the Vale of Glamorgan was twinned with Bridgend and in that twinning one constituency was mandated to select a man and the other a woman.

When Carwyn Jones was chosen for Bridgend, the Vale Labour Party was then required to select a woman from a women-only shortlist, hence Jane Hutt became the Vale AM.

Sorry, Rob.

Christopher Short, Barry

Email your news and views to The GEM:
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Local summer playschemes win AM's approval

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, joined the Vale Council fun day at Porthkerry Park, to meet organisers of local play schemes, such as Gibbonsdown Children's Centre.

Afterwards, she commented: "It was good to join the fun day and congratulate Gibbonsdown Children's Centre on their summer play scheme.

"Gibby Rangers have also provided a great service to children and young people at Pencoed Park Play Pod, over the summer months."

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 581.

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Results that set our young people firmly on path to success

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

A FORTNIGHT ago, we were congratulating our young people who made great strides in their education with their excellent A/AS and Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma results, enabling them to take their next steps in their education journeys to college, university and the workplace.

Once again, the Vale results were excellent and our schools and pupils are to be commended for their hard work and achievements.

At the Vale Show, I met the Careers Wales team to discuss with them their role in advising young people on their options.

The excellent GCSE results were announced last week and as the news settles in after the Bank Holiday weekend celebrations, I urge our young people to take advantage of our Careers Wales advisers by contacting the Careers Advice Line on 0800 100 900 or careerswales.com/your-future as well as discussing the way forward with their teachers on return to school, this week or at enrolment day at your local college which starts this week in Barry College.

The GCSE results mark an important milestone in education and our young people in Wales have done well across the board, but particularly well in the sciences and in the Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation (WBQ) and Intermediate Diplomas.

This is more good news for Wales as we promote the STEM subjects (science, technology, maths and engineering) so important for our economy and our public services.

This will help our young people take advantage of the apprenticeship programmes we are developing with employers and colleges in Wales.

I was privileged to meet the apprentices at BAMC (British Airways Maintenance Centre) last week who have completed their first year at Barry College's ICAT (International Centre for Aerospace Training) and are now training on the aircraft they maintain for British Airways, on a worldwide scale, at this important centre here in the Vale.

Our recently announced Pathways to Apprenticeships and the Young Recruits Programme have been set up to help young people, employers and colleges provide new and flexible opportunities particularly geared to providing support during the time we are moving out of the recession.

We have set up a new apprenticeships unit in my department to promote and coordinate these new programmes.

The key message for our young people who have achieved GCSE and Welsh Bac results is that there are many options ahead for those wanting to stay in full-time education with A-levels or a vocational qualification or a combination of both to enable them to progress.

The Welsh Baccalaureate is being rolled across Wales from September because of its success with the opportunity to combine academic study with those practical skills that employers and universities are keen to see.

Those core skills, such as being able to communicate effectively, team working, problem solving skills, the ability to study independently – are all embraced in our Welsh Baccalaureate.

It was good to have the GCSE success stories last week alongside the impressive teacher assessments of our 7, 11 and 14 year olds in Wales – the National Curriculum Assessments which showed that the percentage of pupils achieving at least the expected level, was higher than in 2008 at each Key Stage and in all subjects.

This bodes well for the future prospects of our young people at every stage of their compulsory school education and beyond.

I started the new school term by welcoming with the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM, the second year of rolling out the pioneering Foundation Phase for our youngest pupils for whom the prospect of external exams is a very long way off.

As we invest heavily in the early years in Wales, we are confident that this will make a difference to the educational prospects of every child in Wales. I know we will see the difference as we meet that adult pupil ratio of 1:8 for the 3-5 year olds this year.

As our young people who have undertaken their GCSEs this summer consider their options, I am urging them again to stay in education and we will do our best to support them into 6th form, college, apprenticeships and work.

CCTV arrests

THE CCTV operation working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership assisted with 10 arrests in the week ending August 30.

CCTV contacted the police on 48 occasions, with three arrests being made for burglary (Paget Road, Penarth). One arrest was made for assault at Market Street, with another arrest at the same location for assault on police.

Two public orders were issued at Coychurch Rise, while one arrest for possession of drugs was made at Burlington Street, Barry.

Two additional arrests were made on Holton Road for theft.

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Athletic club benefits after Pen y Fan climb

THE sky's the limit for a 10-strong team of SWALEC colleagues after they raised more than £1,300 for Barry and Vale Athletics Club climbing Pen y Fan.

LEFT: Presenting the cheque for £1,300.

The customer service staff based at the energy supplier's Cardiff Gate headquarters, were encouraged to take part in the 2,900 ft climb by their colleague Shawn Sullivan whose daughter, now eight years old, was born missing her left arm.

Shawn is a part-time coach at the club and has for the past year been working with a group of eight to 17-year-olds with similar additional needs.

Shawn, age 39, said: "My daughter copes remarkably well and she's been my inspiration in everything, as have the other children in the club, many of whom have conditions such as cerebral palsy or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

"I'm extremely grateful to my colleagues for lending their support and joining me to climb Pen y Fan, and to all our friends and families who have sponsored us.

"We did the climb in really bad weather conditions, lots of heavy rain, but I'm glad to say we all made it safely to the top and I'm going to be gearing everyone up to go one bigger next year – to Snowdon and then from there to the Himalayas."

The climb was completed in four hours and for five of the 10 it was their first mountain climb.

The SWALEC staff initially raised just under £700 for the club before doubling their funds through an application for match funding to the company's parent company.

The funds raised will help provide the club with new sports equipment and better facilities for the approaching winter weather.

Fred Malkin, chairman of Barry Athletics, said:: "It was a tremendous effort from the SWALEC team.

"This side of the club has only been up and running for less than a year and so we're delighted to be able to purchase some specialised equipment, such as plyometric and power speed resistor devices, to cater for our young members with additional needs."

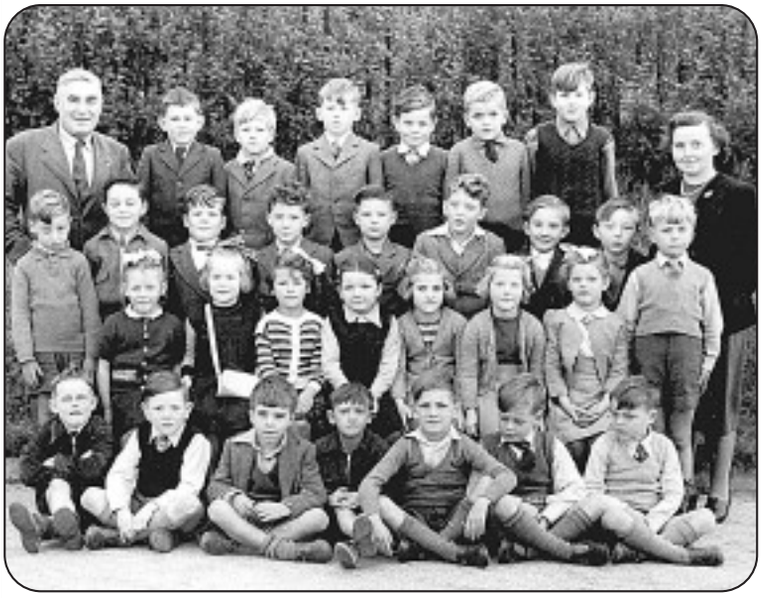
FUN WEEKEND

THE Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Barry is holding fun events this weekend..

On Saturday (September 5) it is holding a family fun day, between 12noon-4pm, at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, with stalls, entertainment and quizzes.

On Sunday there will be 'Praise in the Park' at Victoria Park, between 3pm-4.15pm, with light refreshments afterwards. Both events are free of charge.

Old pupils called to a Rhoose school reunion



ABOVE: DO ANY OF THESE FACES RING A BELL? IF SO THEN A REUNION IS ON THE CARDS!

DO you recognise yourself – perhaps a friend in this Rhoose Infant/Junior School photograph from October 1950?

Did you start Rhoose Infant/Junior School between 1947 and 1949/50?

If any GEM reader fit sinto one of these criteria, then they may be interested to know that an informal school reunion and get together (playing 50s and 60s music) is being organised for September 23 from 2pm at Rhoose Social Club.

There will be a bar, and some food organised.

For further information, contact: Sandra Molloy (nee Hughes) on 01252 870369.

Merchant Navy exhibition

THANK YOU to The GEM for reporting the support shown by Vale AM Jane Hutt for our campaign for a Barry Museum.

Barry is a unique town: in 1884 it was a tiny village; by 1913, it was the largest coal-exporting port in the world.

In two world wars it lost a greater proportion of its merchant seamen than any other port in Britain.

The Barry branch of the Merchant Navy Association of Wales will be presenting an exhibition in the Barry Library. It will open on Monday, September 21.

We would be happy to meet anyone who would like to offer information - or queries - about men or ships lost in those wars.

Photos, stories or anything at all, relating to the past, will be carefully preserved.

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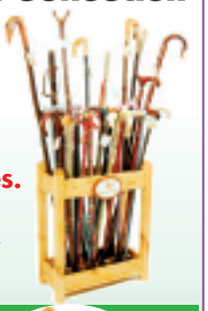

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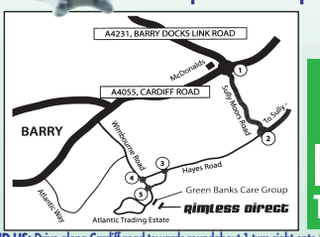

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BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC 4:

The Merchant Navy convoys

by Dr JONATHAN HICKS

This week's article was made possible by GEM readers who contacted me with information on their relatives who took part in the Merchant Navy convoys of the Second World War.

An enormous number of vessels sailed around the coast of Britain and across the Atlantic during the Second World War in order to feed the population and to keep the war effort going.

Hundreds of local men were lost aboard these merchant ships, the victims of U-boat, fighter or surface vessel attacks. Many ships struck mines and sank, some were lost without trace, the weather being an unpredictable enemy.

Peter Bayon left school at 14 in 1941 and started work in the Royal Ordnance Factory in Llanishen. His sister had married the Chief Officer of the *SS Gripfast* and he encouraged Peter to join him in the Merchant Navy.

One Monday, Peter left work and by Wednesday, May 9, 1942 he was aboard the *Gripfast*.

He began his time in the Merchant Navy as a 15-year-old Mess Room Boy, responsible to the ship's engineers.

Peter had his own tiny cabin in the stern of the ship, so close to the ship's side that the floor was curved. He had to shut the door to get into his bed and rats ran in and out of the cabin, often stealing his socks!

On July 9, 1942, the *Gripfast* was on its way from Barry to Sheerness when it came under attack in a part of the English Channel known as 'E Boat Alley'.

Here, the German motor torpedo boats would lie in wait to pick off the merchant ships as they followed a line of dark blue buoys.

Explosions sounded across the water as ships were hit, and vivid flashes and flames soared up into the night sky.

A lifeboat was lowered to rescue men from the doomed ships. By 3am, the attack had ceased and Peter turned in for the night, sleeping in his life jacket as a precaution.

He was awoken by a loud crash and the ship shook, throwing his oil lamp to the floor. He raced to the deck. The *Gripfast* was being machine-gunned by a German aircraft that had then dropped a bomb right onto its deck.

Remembering his new-purchased jacket, he returned to his cabin to retrieve it. When he came back on deck he was amazed to find it now level with the surface of the sea.

He swam quickly away from the sinking ship. An upturned lifeboat broke the surface nearby and he scrambled on top of it before being rescued an hour or so later.

Peter returned to his mother's grocery shop with the sad news that his brother-in-law had been one of the five crewmen who had perished that night.

Denis Casey was featured in a previous article on submariners. He was recalled to the navy in November 1939 and on March 27, 1942. He was commodore of Convoy PQ13, which sailed for Murmansk in Russia with 60 ships.

A total of 78 convoys sailed to Russia between 1941 and 1945; some 1,400 merchant ships delivering vital supplies, with the loss of 85 ships under the Lend-Lease programme.

The weather on this voyage, in common with most of the Russian convoys, was appalling; a gale force wind blew sub zero temperatures, with the consequence that all the ship's superstructures started to ice up, which affected the seaworthiness of each ship.

To reach Murmansk, the convoys had to round the Norwegian coast. The Germans had built aerodromes on the northern tip from which they deployed squadrons of Junkers 87 'Stuka' dive-bombers and medium range bombers.

They 'hedgehopped' over the icebergs in order to give the British gun crews even less notice of their approach.

Just after the convoy left port, a message was received that four U-boats lay across their path. The convoy was re-routed, but this took them even closer to the German airfields.

The convoy was first attacked by three German destroyers. *HMS Trinidad* fired three torpedoes at them, but because of the extreme cold, the torpedoes misfired and the *Trinidad* ran into them, causing considerable damage.

The other British destroyers now had to refrain from any offensive action in order to protect the stricken ship.

A U-boat followed Denis Casey's ship, but having served in the submarine service throughout World War One, he realised that if he dodged in and out of the icebergs, the U-boat would not be able to submerge and thus could be kept at bay by the ship's gun.

The convoy eventually reached Murmansk with the loss of seven ships, but one German destroyer and a U-boat had also been destroyed.

Dr Hicks is currently preparing the exhibition 'Barry and the Second World War' which will open for two weeks at Arts Central in Barry Library on Saturday, September 12.

On display will be a fascinating collection of photographs, memories and artefacts showing the part that Barrians played in the Second World War.

ABOVE: Denis Casey.

ABOVE: Ice on the deck of a British ship.

RIGHT: HMS Trinidad.

ABOVE: Peter Bayon.

Ogmore surgery

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies will be holding a surgery in the Ogmore Valley on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 9, by appointment only.

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Bro Morgannwg plans to build on 'best ever' GCSEs

A TOTAL of 78 per cent of year-11 pupils at Bro Morgannwg achieved the top A*-C grades in five or more GCSE subjects in this year's exam results published last Thursday.

The school's results have improved year on year since the school first entered pupils in 2005, with this year's fantastic results surpassing last year's record breaking 72 per cent A* to C.

Seventeen pupils achieved A* or A grades in nine or more subjects, whereas 22 of the cohort attained an impressive array of A* to B grades in 13 or 14 subjects.

The boys bucked the national trend as the higher achievers this year and among them was Gareth Davies from Dinas Powys, who attained a phenomenal A* in 13 subjects, including A* in triple science, English, Welsh and French.

As we applaud our high achievers, we are also delighted to celebrate each pupil who fulfilled their potential by achieving their target grades in this year's GCSE exams; 100 per cent of the cohort who sat their exams, achieved an A*- G grade in one or more subject.

These included the more traditional subjects, as well as vocational subjects taught in the school and in partnership with Barry College, in accordance with the current 14-19 Learning Pathways initiative.

The modern foreign languages department continues to defy the national decline in learning languages, as more than a third of the cohort studied German or French at GCSE level, achieving excellent results.

As a Welsh medium school we are committed to promoting our pupils' linguistic skills, and are delighted that 90 per cent of the pupils studying languages achieved A* to C in a modern language.

Congratulations to all Bro Morgannwg pupils and teachers for their dedication and hard work, and we look forward to welcoming many of the pupils back to year-12 to continue their studies and to build on their success.

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Higher achievers from year 10 have been successful in their Religious Education GCSE. They are congratulated by their teacher Miss Ruth Davies.

Scott Salter, Mathew Gregg and twins Jacob and Efan Ellis all achieved the higher grades.

Steffan Jones from Bonvilston, who achieved 11 A and 2 B. Steffan has been awarded a full time scholarship for two years to play for Cardiff City football academy. He will be studying for his A Levels in September.*

Gareth Davies from Dinas Powys (right) who achieved the highest grades of the cohort 13 A is congratulated by Ieuan Donovan from Barry who himself achieved 4 A* 9A and 1B.*

ABOVE: Lauren Brookes (4A 5 A 2 B) from Cowbridge and Nicole Petty (4 A 5 B 4C) from Barry are delighted with their results*

ABOVE: Olivia Richards from Penarth attained 6A 6A and 1 B.*

LEFT: High flyers Catrin Williams, Elinor Pugh and Eleri Roberts shared 18 A 19 A and 3B grades between them*

ABOVE: Moc Isaac from Cowbridge is congratulated by Head Dr Dylan Jones on his excellent results.

BELOW: Joe Chucas, Rhys Lennon and Anna Coleman will return to study for A-Levels at Bro Morgannwg following their good news on Thursday

ABOVE:Jonathan Viscount and Shaun White from Barry were delighted with their succes in following vocational courses such as construction and applied information technology.

Students show off their gift for fashion

JUST before breaking up for the summer holidays, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School pupils held a fashion show.

It was a chance for the students to try out their skills, not only in design, but presentation of the models and catwalk performance.

As you can see from GEM photographer Ian Dixon's colourful images, the pupils showed lots of imagination, with some even demonstrating an 'eco-eye' in making up clothes from re-cycled materials.

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

BELOW: Getting into the groove on the catwalk.

ABOVE: There were plenty of opportunities for students to show off their finest model poses.

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'Great staff' is the key to HQ2 The Salon's star rating

ABOVE: Assistant manager of HQ2, Jaydene Vaughan (second left), shows how natural the Balmain hair extensions look. She is pictured with the owner Dawn and the rest of the team.

HQ2 The Salon on Holton Road, Barry is Barry's only salon to be awarded a four star rating by The Good Salon Guide.

Dawn Vaughan, the owner, has managed to retain this accolade for the last five years and continues to go from strength to strength.

Dawn believes that good staff with excellent qualifications is a key point to running a successful salon.

Dawn's daughter, Jaydene, has assisted as manager of the salon in recent months, maintaining Dawn's high standards.

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THE HURT LOCKER IS A TENSE VIEWING EXPERIENCE

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THERE are very few female directors plying their trade at the top-end of cinema.

Whether it is sexual politics, or the attitude that when it comes to the big pictures men seem to dominate, landing a directing job seems to be difficult enough without being hampered by your chromosomes.

One director who has braved the 'men-only' club is Kathryn Bigelow, who, with films such as *Point Break* and *Blue Steel*, has shown that it is not just men who are capable of producing commercially successful, and at times critically acclaimed, films.

Her latest film sees her take on the Iraq conflict with *The Hurt Locker* (a term derived from a mental state of mind that a soldier doesn't want to be in), and stars Anthony Mackie and Brian Geraghty as two soldiers in a bomb disposal squad who are joined by their new sergeant Will James (Jeremy Renner) following the death of their previous sergeant.

However, James' idiosyncratic approach to the situation the three of them find themselves in doesn't sit well with the other two, and attitudes and personalities clash against the ever-present backdrop of bomb threats...

Films that have tried to deal with the events of, and the aftermath to, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have been given short shrift by cinematic audiences.

One possible reason for this is the fact that with 24-hour rolling news coverage, why should we go to the cinema to sit through it all over again when we could watch something that takes us away from the conflict?

Films such as *In The Valley of Elah*, *Lions For Lambs* and *Jarhead* have all failed to entice filmgoers for that very reason, yet unlike those films, *The Hurt Locker* is less a polemic on the nature of war, and more a snapshot of life in the eye of the hurricane for those that are out there.

Neither Bigelow nor screenwriter Mark Boal seem overly concerned with making artistic statements about events in the Middle East; war is bad, war is sad, war is (depending on your viewpoint) needless, yet these points are never explicitly addressed within the film, the focus being solely on those involved.

Essentially a three-hander, the performances are near faultless from all the actors. Jeremy Renner may be perhaps best known from *28 Weeks Later...*, but after this film, his profile should rocket, delivering a sensational, yet subtle turn.

Living on the edge, dangling on the precipice of life and death, the character of James knows he's in a no-win situation.

He is constantly putting his life on the line, knowing one day his luck will run out, and Renner captures beautifully the fractured personality of the character.

Addicted to the adrenaline rush that he gets from defusing bombs, he seems more and more dependent on the thrill to keep him going (exemplified in a coda that sees James with his family at home).

The performances of Brian Geraghty and Anthony Mackie sit wonderfully well alongside Renner; the former as a young soldier with a death fixation, and the latter as the measured and pragmatic soldier who bristles against James' seemingly casual attitude, with both offering strong turns that keep you invested in the characters at all times.

Throw in some cameos from established names like David Morse, Guy Pearce and Ralph Fiennes, and you have a top quality cast delivering top quality performances.

While Mark Boal's script brings you right into the story, it is Kathryn Bigelow's direction that really makes this film stand apart from others of its ilk.

Taking a first-hand approach, using hand-held cameras and plenty of close-ups, Bigelow doesn't shy away from putting you in the middle of what is going on.

Her direction is unflinching and extremely visceral, with the scenes concerning bomb diffusions dripping with tension, and the parched visuals lending a mood of underlying danger to even the simplest of tasks.

While the macho posturing that pervades her work is present here, it is tempered by the fact that what the characters have to go through means there is little chance of switching off, merely passing time to the next incident; a sobering afterthought to the more light-hearted moments.

While the film does feel a touch episodic, with little insight into the characters beyond their professional lives, at the same time Bigelow manages to eschew convention by not including those little details; rather than make another war movie, Bigelow instead aims to make a film that shows the psychological impact on those at the heart of events – and it makes for a hugely satisfying end product.

VERDICT – Tense and utterly compelling, *The Hurt Locker* gives you a first-hand view of the pressures faced by soldiers, while keeping you transfixed from start to finish. Excellent performances and Kathryn Bigelow's direction make this a film that should definitely be seen. *Highly recommended.*

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There were particularly strong performances from Alexander Harries, with 12 A* grades (he now takes up a sixth form scholarship at Eton) and Richard Freeland with 13 A* grades (he now takes up a sixth form scholarship at Winchester).

One fifth of the pupils gained exclusively A* or A grades: including head boy William Searle and head girl Rhiannon Hickinbottom.

Headmaster Stephen Morris expressed his satisfaction at these high achievements: "Cathedral School pupils have shown that gifted teaching and sustained hard work are rewarded with the top grades at GCSE. We are proud of these terrific performances in serious academic subjects."

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CARDIFF University's Centre for Lifelong Learning will be holding two open days in September.

Come along and enrol on a part-time course or discuss your options with a co-ordinating lecturer or tutor.

Courses are open to all adults and are offered in a range of subjects.

There will be free taster sessions and European language film screenings at these events.

The times are: Tuesday, September 8, 12noon-2pm and 5pm-7pm; Saturday, September 12, 11am-1pm.

On Tuesday, September 8 at 1.15pm, there will be a Chinese culture taster, which will run for approximately 40 minutes.

If you are interested in China, its geographical features and culture, come along to this free taster session. This session will be repeated on Saturday, September 12 at 11.15am.

There will also be a Mandarin Chinese taster on Tuesday, September 8 at 6pm. Learn some basic Chinese words in this short and friendly session run by the centre's Confucius Institute.

This session is free and will be repeated on Saturday, September 12 at 12.15pm. There will also be a selection of film screenings in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Please visit *www.cardiff.ac.uk/learn* for more details nearer the open days.

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In Business Update

'Revitalise' with top (free) advice

WHETHER you're an experienced business person or just starting out on your first venture, Revitalise Your Business is the business skills event you must attend.

Revitalise Your Business aims to provide business people with practical, realistic and effective skills that they can immediately use to improve the performance of their business.

Featuring expert business speakers supported by a host of business services companies exhibiting, this is an event not to miss.

Expert speakers include: Alistair Milburn, managing director of the leading PR Agency Effective Communication, Nirmal Chhabria, the award winning chief exectuive of leading waste metal exporter Niva International, and the number one UK entrepreneurship guru Robert Craven, who will present his very successful no-nonsense jargon-free seminar '10 things to do in the next 10 days to improve your business'.

Revitalise Your Business is a free seminar, workshop, exhibition and networking event, hosted by the Vale Council in association with the Vale Business Club, on September 22, at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

Call 01446 724330 for details or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ryb or www.valebusinessclub.co.uk

Vale Women's Business Network
September Event
Meet World Wide Women In Business!
Wed 16th September 2009
at Trio Brasserie, Cowbridge
6.30 - 9pm
Guests and non-members are most welcome!
(Guest membership for the event is £6)
Please E-Mail events@vwbn.org.uk to book or visit **www.vwbn.org.uk**

The VWBN goes global!

THE theme of our September 16 event is 'world-wide women in business'.

At this event, businesswomen from China, France and Lithuania will be joining the VWBN and guests at Trio Brasserie in Cowbridge.

It is a fantastic chance to hear what it is really like to conduct a business world wide!

Non-members are most welcome. Guest membership for the evening is £6. Please contact us to book!

The VWBN is an informal and friendly networking forum for women who live or work in the Vale.

A quote from one of our recent events: "*I am in the very early stages of starting my own business, and see this network as a welcome opportunity to seek inspiration – as well as share ideas with other successful women in business!*

"This network was recommended through a friend as being very enjoyable, as well as fruitful."

For more information, contact ***members@vwbn.org.uk***

Employment law advice, when you need it most

AS we face the toughest economic environment for over a decade, it is more important than ever that your interests in the workplace are protected.

Redundancy is now an everyday reality and it has major consequences for employees and their families.

RTL Solicitors offers a comprehensive employment law service and will be able to provide you with the appropriate advice, on this and all other employment law matters.

For further information, contact Peter Marshall at RTL Solicitors, telephone 01656 665850; or e-mail: peterm@rtllegal.co.uk

It's Enrolment Time!

Start a course this September

Come along to one of the sessions below all held at Barry College, Colcot Road and find out how you can make it happen.

Information & Enrolment Sessions

Thursday 3rd September 12.00noon-7.00pm
Friday 4th September 10.00am-1.00pm
Monday 7th September 4.00pm-7.00pm

HE Information & Enrolment Evening

Get a university qualification at college!
Tuesday 8th September 4.00pm-7.00pm

At these sessions you can talk to course tutors and careers advisors to help choose the right course for you. You may also be able to sign up to a course on the same day. Hurry – all courses are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Before coming to one of the sessions, go to the website www.barry.ac.uk and click on 'Enrolment 2009 – Important information' to find out more, including what you will need to bring with you. Alternatively, contact us on Tel: 01446 725007.

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VALE SHOW RESULTS ROUND-UP

MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES

CLASS 72.– Mountain & Moorland Leading Rein. Mountain & Moorland pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over not exceeding 122cm, registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest and Welsh A or B.

Riders not to have attained their 9th birthday before 1st January in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle, the lead rein to be attached by the noseband only. This class is a qualifier for the Ponies Association (UK) Colne Mountain & Moorlands Leading Rein Championship.

(Kindly sponsored by Beech & Co. Lawyers, The Business Centre, Town Hall Square, Cowbridge Tel: 08707 569952)

1st, Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny; 2nd, Tracy Roynon, Ty Richard Jones Farm, Hafodyrynys; 3rd, Miss J Wren, Graigwen, Planycoed Road, Pontnewynydd.

M. T. MORGAN CUP PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 72.

Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny.

CLASS 7– Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Small Breeds - Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Section A & B. Small rider any age.

1st, Ann Rees, The Nurseries, Trehyngyll, Cowbridge; 2nd, Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny; 3rd, Miss V Legge, Llangunnock House, Hereford; 4th, Miss J Wren, Graigwen, Planycoed Road, Pontnewynydd; 5th, S Beach, Nantlais, Llanharan, Pontyclun; 6th, K Davies, Bryneglwys Gardens, Newton.

CLASS 74 – Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Large Breeds - Section C&D, Dales, Fells, Conemara, New Forest and Highland. Rider any age.

1st, Jessica Allen, Rudry Park House, Rudry; 2nd, Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny; 3rd, S Beach, Nantlais, Llanharan, Pontyclun.

Classes 73 & 74 are qualifiers for the P(UK) Llanarth Mountain & Moorland Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Mountain And Moorland Championship Open To 1st And 2nd Prizewinners In Classes 73 And 74.

THE J. PENDOCK PORTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jessica Allen, Rudry Park House, Rudry.

CLASS 75 – Mixed Height Registered Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony, 4 years old and over. Riders must jump in their correct height section.

- *Not exceeding 122cms*
- *Exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 138cms*
- *Exceeding 138cms*

Fences to be adjusted for each section

1st, Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Abergavenny; 2nd, RP & K Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr; 3rd, S Beach, Nantlais, Llanharan, Pontyclun.

P(UK) HORSELODE M&M WORKING HUNTER PONY COLOURED CLASSES

These classes are affiliated to the British Skewbald and Piebald Association and are qualifiers for the World Championships of Colour National Championship Show 2009. All classes will be judged within the rules and criteria of the BSPA (details from BSPA 01354 638226 or downloaded from www.bspaonline.com). All stallions 4 years and over must be graded, licensed and registered with BSPA in order to compete. All classs are open to members and non-members but in order to qualify all owners/handlers/riders must be members of the BSPA and all horses/ponies registered with BSPA prior to the Show. BSPA qualification cards must be produced in the ring and be signed by the judge, otherwise the qualification is invalid. In all WCC Ridden Horse Classes the judge may ride and/or request a display qualification 1-3 in all classes or 1-4 for classes exceeding 12.

CLASS 76 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald young stock foaled 04.05.07 - foals over 4 weeks old.

Any sex, colour or type - Championship Qualifier

(Kindly sponsored by Catherine Summerhayes - Amethyst Healthcare Ltd.

Contact: 08452 600919).

1st, Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, St Brides Wentloog; 2nd, Vanella Clode Roberts, Cartref, Penycoedcae; 3rd, R Gladman, Bryn Pinwydderi, Pentwyn, Cardiff; 4th, Cherida Griffiths, Fields Park Road, Pontcanna.

SUMMERHAZE CUP FOR THE WINNER OF CLASS 75.

CLASS 77 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier.

Horses and ponies any age, sex, colour or type. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd and highest place Youngstock and highest place traditional, cob or vanner.

(Kindly sponsored by M & S. Cuddy).

1st, Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, St Brides Wentloog; 2nd, Rhian Carter, Greenlands Road, Llantrisant; 3rd, Mrs T Pesci Griffiths, Sunnybank Eq Centre.

CLASS 78 – Ridden. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier.

Horses and ponies any sex, colour or type four years old and over. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd.

(Kindly sponsored by M&S Cuddy).

1st, E Roderick, Ty Uchaf Farm, Rhiwseason; 2nd, Kate Johnson, Station Terrace, Ebbw Vale; 3rd, Kim Davies, Greendown, Bonvilston; 4th, K Chappell, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend.

Classes 76 - 78 qualify for the P(UK) 'Apache' ridden and in-hand Piebald/Skewbald Horse/Pony Championships.

Qualifier for the BSPA World Championship of Colour 2009, held at Addington Manor, Bucks. on 29/30 August.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to first and second prizewinners in classes 76, 77 & 78.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PRESENTED BY M & S CUDDY.

Champion: Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, St Brides Wentloog (678); Reserve: E Roderick, Ty Uchaf Farm, Rhiwsaeson (702).

WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES

This Show will be participating in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Sire Ratings Scheme. Any colt or stallion 3 years old or over must be bitted.

CLASS 79 – Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling.

1st, R Donati & B Hooper, Milwas House, Groesfaen; 2nd, Dr Wynne & David Davies, Caulan, Miskin; 3rd, L Perrot, Ty Golau Farm, St Brides Wentloog.

CLASS 80 – Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old.

1st, Dr Wynne & David Davies, Caulan, Miskin; 2nd, M & S Evans, Tyla Morris Farm, Pentyrch; 3rd, S Anderson, c/o Popsters, Wellington Farm, Littledean.

CLASS 81 – Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare 4 years old or over that has never won a First Prize in a Brood Mare Class.

1st, K & J Sheil, Ty Isaf, Llangynog, Builth Wells; 2nd, Mr & Mrs J Cooke, Stormydown Stud, nr Cornelly; 3rd, M & S Evans, Tyla Morris Farm, Pentrych.

CLASS 82 – Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over.

1st, Mr & Mrs J Cooke, Stormydown Stud, nr Cornelly; 2nd, Ms Anne Edwards, The Old House, Rhiwceiliog; 3rd, Mrs C Langford, Talygarn Drive, Pontyclun.

CLASS 83 – Welsh Mountain Pony Foal.

1st, M & S Evans, Tyla Morris Farm, Pentrych.

THE BRYNHEULOG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. GIVEN BY THE LATE MRS. MATTHEW WILLIAMS FOR THE BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY MARE.

K & J Sheil, Ty Isaf, Llangynog, Builth Wells (721).

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION AND RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE "PENLLYN" CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION 'A' CLASSES. THE LYNDON EVANS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY 3 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER.

R Donati & B Hooper, Milwas House, Groesfaen (706).

WELSH PONIES

Section 'B' – not over 137.2cms

CLASS 85 – Welsh Pony Yearling.

1st, EG Prosser, 3 Ffordd Dinas, Cwmavon; 2nd, Miss LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Nottage, Porthcawl; 3rd, June Marsh, Woodland Road, Beddau.

CLASS 86 – Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old.

1st, Mr & Mrs G Thomas, Llanrumney Avenue, Cardiff; 2nd, Mrs PA Davies & Family, Maybrock Stud, Llandeilo.

CLASS 87 – Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over.

1st, F Leadbitter, Coach House, Ystradowen; 2nd, Mr & Mrs D Williams, Phyllis Avenue, Bridgend; 3rd, Landon Family, Linksbury, Kidwelly.

CLASS 88 – Welsh Pony Foal.

1st, Mrs PA Davies & Family, Maybrock Stud, Llandeilo; 2nd, Mrs C Langford, Talygarn Drive, Pontyclun.

CLASS 89 – Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over.

1st, June Marsh, Woodland Road, Beddau; 2nd, A Paddock & L Motton, Brynley Stud, Wenvoe.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION AND RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND "THE THORNBERRY" CHALLENGE TROPHY. FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION B CLASSES.

Champion: EG Prosser, 3 Ffordd Dinas, Cwmavon (740); Reserve: F Leadbitter, Coach House, Ystradowen (754).

WELSH PONIES COB TYPE

Section 'C' – not over 137.2cms

CLASS 90 – Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over.

(Kindly sponsored by Ogmore Vale Bakery).

1st, RJ Davies, Garreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale; 2nd, G Moffatt, c/o Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar; 3rd, G Huws John, Bryngwyn, Bryn Road, Ponllanfraith.

CLASS 91 – Foal.

1st, G Moffatt, c/o Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar; 2nd, G Huws John, Bryngwyn, Bryn Road, Ponllanfraith; 3rd, Sian Locke, Heol Y Bryn, Pontyclun.

CLASS 92 – Yearling.

1st, JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar; 2nd, RJ Davies, Garreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale; 3rd, S Anderson, c/o Popsters, Wellington Farm, Littledean.

CLASS 93 – Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old.

1st, Gill Kelley, Knapp Ropad, Thornbury, Bristol.

CLASS 94 – Stallion, 4 years old or over

1st, J Kirk, Penmyarth, Newry Road, Builth Wells; 2nd, Len & Sue Palmer, Clapham Terrace, Blaenavon.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION AND RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE LOUIS FISHER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION C CLASSES.

Champion: J Kirk, Penmyarth, Newry Road, Builth Wells (787); Reserve: Gill Kelley, Knapp Road, Thornbury, Bristol (783).

WELSH COBS

Section 'D'

CLASS 95 – Welsh Cob Yearling.

1st, D Bentley, Bedw Gwynion, Caio, Llamwrda, Carms; 2nd, Bethanne Binding, Edgehill, Barry.

CLASS 96 – Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old.

1st, RJ Davies, Garreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale; 2nd, N Powell, Twyn Carmel, Merthyr Tydfil; 3rd, P Duning, c/o Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar.

CLASS 97 – Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over.

1st, G Williams, Valio Stud, Pentwyn, Ebbw Vale; 2nd, Chriss Best, Cwlwm Cariad, Barry; 3rd, G Price, Winchfawr, Heolgerrig.

CLASS 98 – Welsh Cob Foal.

1st, G Williams, Valio Stud, Pentwyn, Ebbw Vale; 2nd, AE Green, The Candle, Ewenny Road, Wick.

CLASS 99 – Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over.

1st, J Bugler & J Claes, Ynysmaerdy Farm, Llantrisant; 2nd, Andrew Denney, Esgair Fach, Llandeilo.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION AND RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE PARKHOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION 'D' CLASSES.

Champion: J Bugler & J Claes, Ynysmaerdy Farm, Llantrisant (809); Reserve: RJ Davies, Garreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (796).

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP THE MRS. HOMFRAY CHALLENGE CUP WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTIONS A, B, C & D.

CHAMPION: EG Prosser, 3 Ffordd Dinas, Cwmavon (740); Reserve: J Kirk, Penmyarth, Newry Road, Builth Wells (787).

FIELD CLASSES

CLASS 100 – For the Best Clamp of Silage.

(Kindly sponsored by Alban Wilde, Stembridge Court, Llandow, Nr. Cowbridge).

1st, HD Hanks & Sons; 2nd, Gareth Rees; 3rd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 4th, TW Jarvis & Son.

THE MAJOR FRANK HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP.

CLASS 101 – For the Best Bag of Silage.

(Kindly sponsored by R. & L. Anthony, Tythegston).

1st, R & L Anthony; 2nd, VJ Thomas & Son; 3rd, D Anthony & Son; 4th, RS Thomas & Son.

LEY CLASSES

CLASS 102 – Long Term Ley - 3 or more seasons.

THE GEORGE GIBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST LONG TERM LEY.

1st, Gareth Rees; 2nd, David Adams; 3rd, VJ Thomas & Son; 4th, E Williams & Son.

CLASS 103 – Short Term Ley - 1 or 2 seasons (to include Italian Rye Grass).

RS Thomas & Son; 2nd, G Anthony & Son; 3rd, VJ Price & Son; 4th, TD Llewellyn & Son.

THE PENLLYNE CRICKET CLUB PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST SHORT TERM LEY.

COMBINABLE CROP CLASSES

Growing Crop Classes are exempt from standard rules and regulations of entries.

(Not more than one exhibit of any variety to be shown from the same field - not less than 3 acres).

CLASS 104 – Best Field of Winter Barley.

(Kindly sponsored by C. H. Knight & Ptns).

EH Radcliffe & Son; 2nd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 3rd, RJ Thomas & Son; 4th, Lyndon Joseph.

THE EVAN CROOK MEMORIAL CUP.

CLASS 105 – Best Field of Winter Oats.

(Kindly sponsored by Western Arable Services, The Cattle Market Ltd, Glos.)

1st, RJ Thomas & Son; 2nd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 3rd, AR & HC Thomas; 4th, W James & Son.

CLASS 106 – Best Field of Winter Wheat.

(Kindly sponsored by Julian Kelly and David Harris NFU Office, Cowbridge).

1st, EH Radcliffe & Son; 2nd, R & L Anthony & Son; 3rd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 4th, VJ Thomas & Son.

THE W. D. JAMES MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY.

CLASS 107 – Best Field of Spring Barley.

1st, PC Thomas & Son; 2nd, AR & HC Thomas; 3rd, TW Jarvis & Son; 4th, RJ Thomas & Son.

CLASS 108 – The Best Winter Oilseed Crop

(Kindly sponsored by Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd).

1st, RJ Thomas & Son; 2nd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 3rd, VJ Thomas & Son; 4th, R & L Anthony.

CLASS 109 – Best Field of Beans

1st, R & L Anthony; 2nd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 3rd, AR & HC Thomas; 4th, VJ Thomas & Son.

THE ROBERT THOMAS MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP.

Winner: EH Radcliffe & Son, Penmark Place, Penmark; Reserve: RJ Thomas & Son, Gileston Farm, St Athan.

MAIZE CLASSES

CLASS 110 – Best Field of Maize – Judging September 2008. Results in 2009 Catalogue.

The A. R. Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Maize Crop.

(Kindly sponsored by Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd).

1st, VJ Thomas & Son; 2nd, G Anthony & Son; 3rd, E Williams & Sons; 4th, R & L Anthony.

CLASS 111 – Best Clamp of Maize Silage

(Kindly sponsored by Julian Kelly and David Harris NFU Office, Cowbridge).

1st, E Williams & Sons; 2nd, EH Radcliffe & Son; 3rd=G Anthony & Son, VJ Thomas & Son.

GROWING ROOT CROP CLASSES

CLASS 112 – One Acre of Potatoes.

1st, TW Jarvis & Son; 2nd, JE Rosser & Son; 3rd, Robert Thomas.

LLANCARFAN PLOUGHING MATCH SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP.

To be awarded to the Competitor winning the

CLASS 113 – Bale of Seed Hay.

CLASS 114 – Bale of Meadow Hay.

CLASS 115 – Group of 10 Potatoes.

CLASS 116 – 10 kilos Wheat

CLASS 117 – 10 kilos Oats

CLASS 118 – 10 kilos Barley

WOODLAND CLASSES

CLASS 119 – Best managed native timber stand on sustainable, continuous cover principles.

1st, Coed Hills, St Hilary, owned by Mr Bill Clay; 2nd, Coed Twm Luw, Dinas Powys, owned by Mr Robert Harry; 3rd, Coed Arthur, St Hilary, owned by Mr Julian Hinam.

CLASS 120 – Best managed woodland to develop/conserve biodiversity and landscape features.

1st, Coed y Ddydduan, Michaelstone-le-Pit, owned by Mr Michael Lewis; 2nd, Coed Twm Luw, Dinas Powys, owned by Mr Robert Harry; 3rd, Crofta Farm Woodland, Ystradowen, owned by Mr Mervyn Lewis.

CLASS 121 – Best project to encourage public access, recreation and interpretation of woodlands.

1st, Cwm Talwg, Barry, managed by Cwm Talwg Woodland Residents Group; 2nd, Coed Hills, St Hilary, owned by Mr Bill Clay; 3rd, Birchgrove, Barry, managed by Birchgrove Woodland Group.

CLASS 122 – Best added value use of locally grown native hardwood timber.

1st, County Rimber, Mr P Fairclough, Cowbridge.

OVERALL WINNER – Coed Hills, St Hilary, owned by Mr Bill Clay.

BIODIVERSITY CLASSES

Awards for Wildlife

Confined to sites within the Vale of Glamorgan

Class 1: Projects by schools, colleges or other education centres

1st, St Joseph's RC Primary; 2nd, St Brides C/W Primary; 3rd, St Illtyds Primary; Highly commended: Barry Island Primary, Cadoxton Nursery, Bute Cottage Nursery, Wick and Marcross C/W Primary; Commended: Ysgol St Curig; Gewfo C/W Primary, Cogan Primary; Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Class 2: Projects by voluntary groups or industrial or commercial business, including farms.

1st, Lavernock Nature Reserve, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales; 2nd, NHS Conservation Volunteers (Cosmeston); 3rd, Wenvoe Wildlife Group, Wenvoe Orchid Fields; Highly commended: Birchgrove Wood Conservation Group; Commended: Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry Town Council.

TRADE STANDS

Agricultural: 1st, Frank Sutton; 2nd, David Evans; 3rd, Ted Hopkins.

Commercial: 1st, Ashdown; 2nd, Jack Straw

Countryside; 3rd, Leamons.

Craft: 1st, Paul Naylor (woodturner); 2nd, Sue Pickard (knitted jackets); 3rd, Bernard Dite (woodturner).

THE BARRY WATERFRONT TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL 2009

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September 2009

A weekend of family fun including:

- The Tall Ship 'Stavros S Niarchos'
  Open to the public Saturday and Sunday from 10am - 5pm.
- Replica Ship 'The Matthew'
  Open to the public Saturday and Sunday.
- Royal Navy Minehunter 'HMS Blyth'
  Open to the public Saturday from 2pm - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm.
- Steam Locomotive Cab Rides
- Craft and Maritime Stalls on the Dock
- Street Entertainers
- Fairground Rides
- Bar and food outlets

FREE LIVE MUSIC STAGE!

SATURDAY LINE-UP

The Alarm	8:00pm
The Automatic	6:30pm
The Relics	5:00pm
Roctopus	4:15pm
Shooting the Moon	3:15pm
The Amber Hour	2:30pm
Code One	1:15pm

SUNDAY LINE-UP

Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band	6:00pm
Leighton Jones Band	5:00pm
Purple Hearts	4:00pm
Vertigo Flo	3:00pm
Rockin 88	2:00pm

Timings subject to change. Please note that NO ALCOHOL or DOGS are allowed onto the Live Music Stage site.

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How World's Biggest Coffee Morning makes real difference to people's lives

MAKE a date in your diary for September 25 – it's one of Britain's great charity days, Macmillan Cancer Supports 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

The idea behind the event is for people, whether at home, in the office, or at an organisation they are a member of, to invite friends or colleagues to share coffee and cake!

The money raised from thousands of events across the country has an positive impact on the lives of people coping with cancer.

So what does the money go to?

● £22 will fund a Macmillan family support worker for an hour, helping families who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis receive the support they need.

● £40 will help a cancer support group hold their first meeting.

● £156 will run the cancerline for an hour, providing people affected by cancer with essential information, practical and emotional support.

● £278 will keep a Macmillan cancer information and support centre stocked for a month with all the information resources it needs – leaflets, guides, and directories.

● £544 will help to run a typical, large Macmillan information and support centre.

● £918 will pay for a Macmillan nurse for a working week, providing expert information, advice and support to improve the lives of people with cancer.

So your coffee morning could make the difference to someone suffering the greatest trauma in their life!

Julie Lewis, a Macmillan nurse, said: "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a fantastic event to get involved with; while it is easy and fun, it raises a huge amount of money to be able to fund Macmillan nurses such as myself to continue helping people affected by cancer."

Following her own personal experience, Kathryn Carr is now a volunteer with Macmillan.

She explained: "The help of Macmillan was invaluable to me throughout my cancer experience.

"Julie was my Macmillan nurse and was like a friend, as well as a fountain of knowledge for me.

"I'll be encouraging all my friends and family to get involved with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to help Macmillan to continue providing the fantastic support that they do".

Register now at macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246.

Two recipes for the Macmillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'

MINI CARROT CAKES

Always a favourite, carrot cake is easy to make and these will disappear in no time, so it's worth making lots of them!

Makes: 24 cakes
Ready in: 45 minutes
15p per bun
Ingredients:
Cake
175g (6fl oz) Somerfield sunflower oil
175g (6oz) light muscovado sugar
3 eggs, beaten
175g (6oz) grated carrots (2 medium)
100g (31/2 oz) Somerfield sultanas
40g (11/2oz) walnut pieces
finely grated rind of 1 orange
175g (6oz) self-raising flour
5ml (1tsp) bicarbonate of soda
5ml (1tsp) ground allspice
TOPPING:
200g (7oz) soft cheese
55g (2oz) icing sugar
15ml (1tbsp) orange juice
85g (3oz) marzipan
Red, yellow and green food colourings
METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4. Arrange 24 bun cases in patty tins.

Beat together the oil, sugar and eggs. Stir in the grated carrots, sultanas, orange zest and walnuts.

Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda and allspice and stir evenly into the carrot mixture.

Spoon into the bun cases and bake for 20–25 minutes, or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Cool on a wire rack.

For the topping, beat together the soft cheese, icing sugar and orange juice until smooth. Spoon a little onto each buns and peak up with a fork.

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2.5ml (1/2tsp) bicarbonate of soda
115g (4oz) unsalted butter
115g (4oz) dark muscovado sugar
115g (4oz) golden syrup
250g (9oz) Somerfield self-raising flour
15ml (1tbsp) ground ginger
2 large eggs, beaten
30ml (2tbsp) maple syrup
METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4. Grease and base-line a 23cm (9in) square, deep cake tin.

Place the prunes, bicarbonate of soda and water in a medium pan and heat until boiling. Remove from the heat and add the butter and sugar, stirring until melted.

Add the eggs, flour and ginger to the mixture and beat thoroughly to mix evenly.

Pour the batter into the tin and bake for 35–40 minutes, or until risen and firm to the touch.

Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out and finish cooling on a wire rack. Brush with maple syrup and cut into squares.

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Last ball wins it in Barry under-9s cricket tournament

ON August 9, Barry Athletic under-9s hosted a friendly tournament at the Island Oval – the three sides involved were Cardiff, Penarth and Barry in the six-a-side round robin.

The game of the day had to be league leaders Cardiff versus hosts Barry.

Although nominally earmarked as a friendly fixture, it didn't make much difference with regard to the commitment shown by all players on both sides.

The game was dominated early on by some fine Cardiff bowling, but openers Calvin and Reuben Fahiya showed some great determination to keep their wickets intact.

The game looked to be out of Barry's grasp with one over to go. After five balls of the over, the scores were tied.

The Cardiff batsman could have blocked out and taken the draw, but instead they went to win the game.

A short ball by Joel Merrick took the batsman by surprise and a hook shot went up in the air.

The catch was taken by the ever reliable Calvin Fahiya, to give Barry an amazing victory.

With three wickets in the last over, Joel Merrick was named man-of-the-match.

There were wickets for Lawrence and Saul in the other matches, and good all round fielding by Evan Wells.

Barry's only defeat came at the hands of the Select 6 side, which did include three good Barry players.

Sam Hopkins excelled in all areas of the game, hitting a couple of boundaries, two good catches, a wicket and also bowling.

DW

The Stags close out the season with the sad taste of defeat

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic 1st XI played host to league newcomers, Cardiff Gymkhana CC, in the final weekend of the 2009 season – Cardiff Gymkhana won the toss and chose to bat first.

Barry began brightly as opening bowlers, Steve Jones and Jake Griffet, put the visitors on the back foot with some very tight overs, restricting them to only 70-3 from their opening 20 overs, as two catches were taken from the bowling of Steve Jones and captain, Nathan Baker.

Excellent fielding in the final 10 overs, together with some tight bowling from Steve Jones (14-1-65-3), Billy Usswald (13-0-45-2) and Nathan Baker (13-1-37-2) had restricted the visitors to 197-8 from their 50 overs.

The opening batsmen walked out into the middle for the Stags, but unfortunately, three wickets fell in the first five overs to restrict them to only 19-3.

Wickets kept falling at regular intervals and batting performances from Damon Leake (40), Billy Usswald (26) and Nathan Baker (24) weren't enough to bring victory to The Stags as they were dismissed for 161.

2ND XI CRASH TO DEFEAT

Martin Baker's Barry Athletic 2nd XI travelled to league leaders, Penarth CC, in which a win for the home side will see them crowned champions of Division One.

Penarth won the toss and elected to bowl first, but The Stags were heavily boosted by the return of Steve Jones.

The Barry opening batsmen began steadily as they hoped to see off the new ball without any casualties.

Runs came from the bat when needed, and The Stags were up and running with 31 runs coming from the first 12 overs.

Batsmen Steve Jones and Ashley Baker kept the runs flowing until the 18th over, when Baker was caught for 26.

The depth in the batting line-up was not that great and when the top-order batsmen fell, there wasn't much to follow.

Steve Jones (19), Peter Davies (33), Martin Baker (15) and Sam Johnson (12) all produced good starts. However, no-one was able to get that innings-saving score and they collapsed to just 114-8 from their 50 overs.

After the tea break, Barry captain, Martin Baker, gave some encouraging words to the players before they set out to defend their score.

The task was always going to be difficult and, with the strength of the Penarth batting, Barry were always on the back foot.

Bowling performances from Martin Baker (4-2-6-0), Sam Johnson (4-0-12-0), Andy Ellis (6-1-28-0), Dominic Lack (6-0-47-1) and Neil Holmes (5-0-19-0) weren't able to prevent the home side from cruising home within 25 overs as they won by nine wickets.

With this result, Penarth have claimed the Division One title and promotion to the Premier Division of the South Wales Cricket League.

After their respective matches, both sets of players in the 1st XI and the 2nd XI of Barry Athletic CC enjoyed a barbecue and a bingo night, to celebrate the end of another season at the Barry Oval.

AB

WASP with a sting in its tail for riders

RETURNING to its traditional home in the Vale, and drawing a near-capacity field, the Wasp Road Race 2009 was won by George Rose (Abergavenny RC) who crossed the line alone after being in a breakaway with Adrian Bird (Team Echelon Spiuk) for almost the entirety of the race.

The pair broke away on the first of three laps and steadily built their advantage over the field. A two-man chase group formed behind as Ben Simmons (Team Wiggle) and Anthony O'Boyle (Cwmcarn Paragon) tried to bridge to the leaders.

Just as the catch was about to be made, Rose broke away from Bird to ride the final lap alone. O'Boyle and Simmons joined Bird to form a chase group just behind.

A large crash in the bunch broke up the rhythm of the chase, and the peloton's deficit grew to more than three minutes. With 10km to go and still chasing George Rose, O'Boyle punctured and fell back from the chasing group of three.

With the bunch so far back, neutral service couldn't reach O'Boyle but he rode on bravely on the flat tyre to claim fourth place and the combativity award.

Still ahead, George Rose reached the final climb to the finish (the Wasps' famous 'sting in the tail') with a 30-second advantage over Simmons and Bird.

A new location on a bridge gave the finishing crowd a great view of the battle on the climb, as the leaders came up the hill, under the finish, then swung around to finish up on the bridge.

Rose had built on his lead on the climb and comfortably solo'ed in for the victory.

Simmons beat Adrian Bird in for second, before O'Boyle arrived on his flat tyre a little way back. James Lewis (Port Talbot Whs– CJ Construction) had broken away from the bunch at 10km to go, and held on on the climb for 5th place before Tim Rose (Abergavenny RC) led in the remains of the peloton.

Graham Howell (Ogmore Valley Whs) came in near the head of the bunch to claim the juniors prize, while Hannah Rich (Candi TV-Marshals Pasta) came in just behind the bunch as first woman.

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AM's surgeries
CARWYN JONES Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold constituency surgeries on Friday, September 4, as follows:

Wildmill WATRA, The Precinct (3pm-3.30pm); Penyfai The Pheasant (3.45pm-4.15pm); Pyle Life Centre (4.45pm-5.15pm); Cornelly Community Centre, (5.30pm-6pm).

Vale AM's surgery
JANE HUTT, AM for the Vale of Glamorgan, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, September 5, from 10am-11am in the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major; and from 11.30am-12noon at The Gathering Place, East Camp, St Athan. No appointment necessary.

Wick Show
WICK Horticultural Society hold their annual show at 2pm on Saturday, September 5, at Wick Village Hall, with classes for all vegetables and flowers, floral exhibits and home bakery with a variety of classes for children.

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Councillors' surgery
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Councillors Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw will be joined by Keith Stockdale at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry, from 11am-12 midday on Saturday, September 5. No appointments are necessary.

Dyspraxia support
THE Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will hold its usual monthly meeting on Monday, September 7, at 7.30pm at Barry Hospital.

Parents of children with dyspraxia (and the children) are welcome to discuss issues and experiences and celebrate successes and find out about the support programme.

Pamper time
DROP in for a pamper on Monday, September 7, at 10am-12pm at the Western Vale Integrated Children Centre, Station Road, Llantwit Major and find out what Moving On has to offer.

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Floral society
THE autumn-winter session of Barry Floral Society will commence on Tuesday, September 8, when Mrs Margaret Walker of Cheltenham pays a return visit to the club to give a demonstration on 'My World of Colour.

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'Light up the Night'
THE Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth is again holding its annual memorial sponsored walk 'Light up the Night', on Friday, September 11, at 7pm, at Dyffryn Gardens in St Nicholas.

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Lifeboat dedication
THE naming ceremony and service of dedication of 'Rose of the Shire', Porthcawl's new RNLI Atlantic 85 Inshorre Lifeboat, will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 2pm in Porthcawl Lifeboat Station, The Esplanade, Porthcawl.

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PACT MEETINGS

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, September 4, 7pm.
DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, September 7, 7pm.
ST NICHOLAS (Wenvoe ward) Neighbourhood Watch meeting, St Nicholas Village Hall, September 9, 7.30pm.
ST ATHAN PACT, The Hive, West Camp, September 10, 7.30pm.
CASTLELAND PACT, Seaview Labour Club, Dockview Road, September 14, 7pm.
LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Leisure Centre, September 15, 7pm.
DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School, September 16, 6pm.
COURT PACT, Scouts Hall, Illminster Street, September 17, 7.30pm.
CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, September 17, 7pm.

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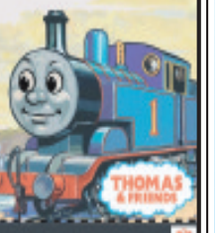

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A short road-walk led to meadows, cropped fields and finally Ogmore Moor, where they took the footbridge across the River Ewenny, with the ruined Ogmore Castle in the distance.

Climbing uphill, they passed through a narrow path with over head-high Himalayan Balsam and paused in a clearing in the ferns for morning coffee in warm sunshine. that remained with them all day.

Crossing Beacons Down, St Bridget's Church heralded their arrival at St Brides Major and, passing Pitcot Pool, fed by surface water and springs used by the village and surrounding farms until 1926 – when piped water arrived, they crossed a series of fields by Pool Farm to reach cool woodland at Pant y Slade.

The ginger and white cat from the nearby thatched cottage ignored the dog and made a fuss of everyone, and passing the Heritage Centre, they paused for refreshment before moving on to the pretty walled gardens of the ruined Dunraven Castle.

Built in 1803 on the cliff top above Southerndown as a fortified mansion house by the Wyndham family, the 'castle' was used as a military convalescent hospital during World War One and was occupied until the 1940s before falling into decay.

Descending via the fast crumbling cliff path, they climbed over the rocky foreshore and stopped by the waterfall that cascades from the cliff below Cwm Mawr and enjoyed lunch as the tide ebbed.

Then it was time to cross the newly-washed sand of three beaches, Traeth Bach and Traeth Mawr that led them to the bottom of Cwm Nash, and finally Nash beach, where it was good to see families out playing in the warm sunshine.

Climbing uphill at Nash Point with its heaving car park, they paused to enjoy the view before joining the coastal path, part of the Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail. Then, past Nash Lighthouse, built in 1832 to mark the treacherous sandbanks off the cliffs in the Bristol Channel, following great public outcry after the passenger steamer *Frolic* was wrecked in 1830 with a heavy loss of life.

A pretty copse led them down to the slipway in front of St Donat's Castle, and from Barracks Wood they crossed the stone stile marking King George's Field and descended through the pebble beach at Tresilian Bay to climb back up the cliff, eventually reaching Col-huw Point.

Taking the path above Cwm Col-huw, passing a sleepy bunch of cows that weren't keen on being moved, the group took the meadow by the dovecote and picking up speed, some pavement pounding saw them reaching Llantwit Major with some minutes to spare before the arrival of the train home.

JOY STRANGWARD

The Castleites win the Olga Collins Cup

ABOVE: The Castleites were the proud winners.

THE final of the Olga Collins Skittles Memorial Challenge Cup took place on Monday, August 24 at The Railway Club in Barry.

The competition was open to anyone in Barry, with ladies and men's mixed teams. In all, 74 teams competed for the trophy.

The Olga Collins Cup started in 1980 when Olga, who was secretary for the Barry Ladies League, past away. Her family started the tournament as it had been a wish before she died.

The prize of a prestigious cup and £250 went to the winners 'The Castleites' and the runners-up trophy and £100 went to 'The Roadrunners.'

ABOVE: The Road Runners were the runners-up.

Sun, rain and showers at Dinas Powys tennis club day – but play still goes on!

THE annual tennis tournament for Dinas Powys juniors recently took place in a mixture of sun, rain and showers, but nothing stopped the tennis!

Organised by the club coach, Rob Walbyoff, the tournament took place over six days from July 27 to August 1 at the Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club.

There was very keen competition in all the age groups, from mini tennis players aged five, to juniors aged 17 who play for the club's senior teams.

Finals day celebrated the high standard of tennis of the junior section with long matches played in a competitive but fair manner.

A barbecue was served by the fathers of the juniors, even though they had to cope with rain!

The club was very pleased to welcome Saffi Azeez, the promising Welsh tennis star, who was captain last year and gave her time to umpire a final this year.

This year's captains, Harry Driscoll and Georgie Collins, worked tirelessly throughout the week and received awards for their service this year.

They presented the cups and medals to all the winners and had great fun adjusting to the differing sizes of the winners for the photographs.

Marion Curtis, the junior representative, was very pleased to receive a bouquet of flowers and voucher from the juniors and their parents.

Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the winners.

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Under-15 doubles.

The juniors served up a high standard of play!

Under-8 mixed doubles.

Dinas runner's exotic preparation for road run

DINAS Powys runner Lisa Ambrose has been training in some very exotic locations to race in the Cardiff Half Marathon.

The Barnardo's project worker was on a two-month sabbatical on the other side of the world, but she was so keen on keeping up her training that she ran almost every day on the Gold Coast in Australia and along Indonesian beaches!

Lisa was returning to Australia after a two-year absence to see her family who live there, and to spend time sailing with her brother.

"I ran nearly every day. Even when I was sailing my brother would take me on the inflatable dinghy into the beach so I could have a run. I had a feeling that if I stopped running when I was out there, I wouldn't be able to get back into it in time for the Cardiff Half Marathon.

"So I ran all the time – in Darwin, on the Gold Coast where my parents have a beach house, and on the Indonesian island of Bali.

"It's funny, but when you run you get to see a bit more of the country and you look at it from a different perspective."

Lisa Ambrose.

Lisa describes herself as 'a plodder' when she runs – but she did run the 13.1 mile run in just over two hours last year.

This year, she is making no promises other than just taking part.

The Cardiff Half Marathon is the largest road race in Wales and it attracted almost 8,000 runners last year. Many runners take part to raise funds for their favourite charity, but others just run for the challenge of taking part.

Barnardo's race organiser Rachel Madge says: "It is not too later to enter the Cardiff Half Marathon and train for the event over the summer. To find out more, log on www.cardiffhalfmarathon.co.uk."

The Half Marathon takes place in October and registration closes on September 18.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A CHARITY bingo night will be held at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, tomorrow (Friday, September 4), at 8pm.

MP's surgery

VALE MP, John Smith, will hold an advice surgery tomorrow (Friday, September 4), in Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, at 4pm.

Appointments are not necessary. *For further information contact John Smith's office on 01446 743769.*

Penarth rummage sale

LOWER Penarth Community Association is holding a rummage sale at the community centre, Brockhill Way, Penarth, from 2pm-4pm on Saturday, September 12.

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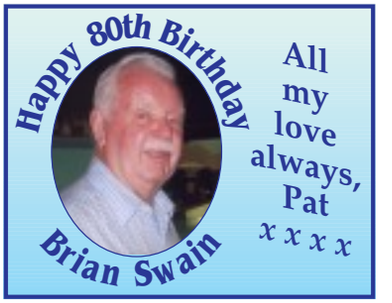

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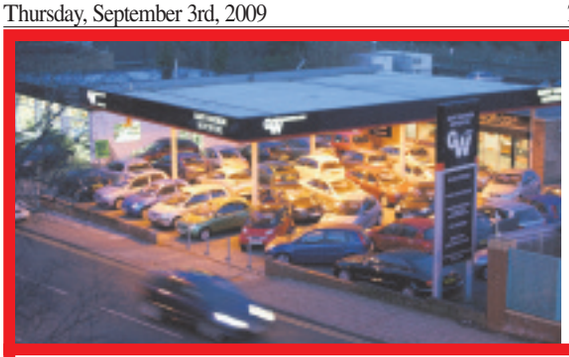

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To the victorious team there would be guaranteed promotion; to the loser, heartbreak and another season in Division 4.

The tension was palpable as the two skippers strolled out to the middle for the toss, which home captain Keir lost yet again, with his side being invited to bowl.

The irregular pace and bounce of the pitch offered a lot of encouragement to the deathly accurate bowling of Fenton and Mantell, and it wasn't long before Clay was the first man to go, spectacularly caught by Sherriff at mid-off from the bowling of Fenton.

This brought Joubert to the crease but Neil Mantell had him bowled for 12. The Wanderers knew the importance of this wicket and their tails were well and truly up.

The wickets continued to tumble, and Bridgend were 65-6 off 14 overs. Hughes and Blundell then ripped through the Bridgend tail and after some accurate bowling, together with some sharp catching from Keir and Lanagan, the visitors were all out for 75.

Not even in their wildest dreams did the Wanderers think they would be in this situation, but they knew that, at an early tea, the job was only half done.

The reliable opening pairing of Sherriff and Lanagan came to the crease, determined there would be no twist in the tale of this match. They calmly put on 41 off nine overs before Lanagan was adjudged out lbw off Jones for 17.

Aled Hughes was the next man in and he and Sherriff had no last-minute wobbles. They offered no chances to the visitors and guided their side home to the target of 76, Hughes finishing things in style with three boundaries, which included one huge six into the tennis courts.

With promotion guaranteed, and with the 2nd XI champions in their division, the party then began. It has been a great season for the Firsts, but also for both the league sides.

Many commented on the great buzz and atmosphere that is now present at the Hayes Point club, and the anticipation for next year's campaign is enormous. A fantastic 2009 was completed with the best performance of the season.

The Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man-of-the-match was Aled Hughes for his 3 for 5 and 23 not out.

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Dinas fail to gain all three points at Ely

WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

ELY RANGERS	**1**
DINAS POWYS	**1**

AT the end of this game it was felt that this was a point gained rather than two points lost, with Dinas dominating the opening thirty minutes of this game on a good pitch without getting that all-important goal.

The visitors started well with Tony Wallis shooting wide in the opening minute, and good work by Ricki Morgan and Paul Carro giving Jaymes Dixon an opening, but the feet of keeper Ian Davies saved his shot.

A clearance from the Dinas keeper, Peter Blain, was headed on for Liam Beattie, but his volley was just wide of the upright.

In the opening half-hour the home side were restricted to off-target headers from Steve Arthur and Anthony Nagi.

Rangers put more pressure on the Dinas defence at the start of the second-half with Blain saving well from a Lee Denner shot, and the dangerous Anthony Nagi lifting a ball wide after turning well in the box.

With Dinas attacks less frequent, Wallis did well to rob a defender before making his way into the penalty area, but his shot hit the side netting.

Twenty minutes into the half the home side opened the scoring, the Dinas keeper doing well to parry a Nagi shot round the post, and when the defence could only clear the resulting corner as far as the edge of the area, James Sadler placed the ball out of the keeper's reach and into the corner of the net.

Dinas were close to equalising when Owain Adams made his way forward to meet a Ricki Morgan corner, only to see Davies pull off a good stop diving to his right.

Beattie almost caught the home keeper off his line with a volley but he just managed to get back and push it over the bar.

With time running out for Dinas it looked as though they might rue not having converted one of the many chances they made in the first-half, but Tony Wallis rose above the defence to head just inside the upright to give Dinas a point their improved performance deserved.

This week it is high flying Aberaman Athletic at The Murch which is sure to be an intriguing encounter.

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL IS HUGE VALE SUCCESS

DINAS POWYS Football Club's inaugural football festival and fete on Bank Holiday Monday was a huge success at Bryn Y Don, with a large number of people attending to watch football games played between clubs from the surrounding area.

Boys mini football players from under-7 to under-10, and girls from under-12, under-14, and under-17, entertained the crowds across a number of pitches.

Besides the football there were stalls selling food and drink, jewellery, sweets, bouncy castle, and many other attractions.

The day was rounded off with fun sack races, space hoppers and tug of war.

The club would like to thank the clubs and managers who participated in the event including Barry Bluebirds, Porthkerry Panthers, Cogan, Barry Athletic, Barry Wolves, Six Bells, Master Mariner, Rhoose, Sully, Llantwit, Wenvoe, Cadoxton Imps, Park Lions, Holton Road, Cyncoed, Caerphilly, Thornhill, Maerdy and Dinas Powys; apologies if I have left anybody out!

Thanks also to the stall holders, St John's Ambulance, Dinas Powys Scouts, VOG Parkie, and especially for all the hard work put in by club managers and members who helped make the day such a success.

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Tournaments complete the bowls season

RHOOSE Bowling Club has been concluding its 2009 season with club competitions.

On Sunday, August 23, the club held its two wood pairs competition. The first semi-final was between Les Parsons Jnr and Darren Parsons, and Mike White and Lyn Willmot.

The father and son team took an early lead, but Mike and Lyn fought back to lead by 7-6 by the ninth end.

The Parsons re-established control by winning the next three ends, and the match by 15-10.

The other semi saw Les Parsons Snr and Anthony Parsons versus Bette Green and John Wathes. This was rather a one-sided match, with the Parsons winning by 22-5.

The final was now a family affair. Les Parsons Jnr and Darren took a commanding lead of 11-0. However, on the sixth end the match changed in favour of the grandfather and grandson combination.

On the 12th end, both sides had 12 shots each, but Les Snr and Anthony then won four of the last six ends to secure victory by 20-14.

On Tuesday, the Ladies' section held their Millennium Plate Competition.

After three hours of bowling, the final was between the Ladies' captain Sue Dance and the Ladies' secretary Jo Hopkins. Jo built up a steady lead with Sue failing to score until the sixth end.

The next few ends saw each player in turn winning an end. By the 18th end, Jo was leading by 15-7 and went on to win the final two ends to secure victory by 19-7.

The ladies have to thank Ruth May, Trevor Evans and Ron Craig for acting as markers.

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A return to the glory days?

Barry Town FC applies for promotion to Welsh Premier

BARRY TOWN chairman Stuart Lovering has announced that the club has applied for promotion to the Welsh Premier League.

The club submitted the forms with the required cheque last Thursday.

Barry finished third in Division 1 last season, and if the club meets the FAW criteria to be issued with a domestic licence, and they finish top, they will be promoted to the restructured Premier League.

They would also be promoted if they finished second and the top team does not apply for promotion, or fails to meet the FAW criteria.

Barry Town are currently seventh in Division 1 after five games. They beat Taffs Well 2-1 at Jenner Park on Saturday, despite a mini injury crisis to key players – midfielder Michael Parkins is expected to be out until January, while central defender Kurt Bettles is out until October after breaking a bone in his arm.

Good news for the Town is the return of pacy winger Rob Blatchford, while manager Gavin Chesterfield is looking to add two or three quality players to the squad to try and achieve the promotion place.

Barry are next at home on Saturday, September 12, kick off 2.30pm, in a local derby against Ely Rangers in the Welsh Cup.

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Athletic have poor end to season

DESPITE winning on three rinks, Barry Athletic's PG2 side completed their home league programme on a disappointing note at Barry Island on Saturday.

Visitors Cardiff Sophia Gardens won the match with an overall total of 79-73, collecting eight points to the Athletic's six.

Skip Ivor Stevenson's rink began proceedings one player short. Although a replacement was eventually found, they faced an uphill task and went down heavily 32-7.

There were fine performances from the three other skips; Albert Mintern's rink, trailing 10-2 early on, came in with a 24-15 scorecard that included a six on the last end.

Dave Newman (20-14) and an in-form Milton Eskins (22-18) were also successful.

The PG2 side wind-up their fixtures for the season against top of the table Pontyclun on Saturday, and the first team entertain Ely Valley.

Scores : PG2 v Cardiff Sophia Gardens – C Phillips, J Jupp, P Clarke, M Eskins 22, G Bowen, A Jones, P Jones, DW Jones 18.

R Gillham, J Coll, A Pidduck, I Stevenson 7, G Iles, K Fruin, D Mellam, D Donovan 32.

D Coombs, R Glaves, B Turner, D Newman 20, A Bond, D Davies, J Whiley, HB Davies 14.

A Thomas, J Morton, E Booker, A Mintern 24, G Hodges, H Cox, S Gould, B Powell 15.

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